

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Shigehiko MIZUTANI	)	Confirmation No.: 3821
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Application No.: 10/575,763	)	Group Art Unit: 1643
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Filed: April 13, 2006	)	Examiner: Anne Gussow
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For: METHOD FOR PROGNOSTIC	)	
EVALUATION OF CARCINOMA USING	)	
ANTI-P-LAP ANTIBODY	)	

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

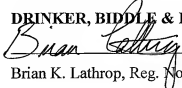
Sir:

An Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanied the Notice of Allowability recently issued in connection with the above-identified application.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's statement because it does not accurately reflect the claim language in any one claim. Applicants respectfully assert that each and every claim independently distinguishes over the cited references on their own merits, as delineated in the features of said claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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